

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Ohio

United States of America

v.

Ryan S. Moore

Case No.

2:21-mj-40

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of January 25th, 2021 in the county of Franklin in the
Southern District of Ohio, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

21 USC Section 846

Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute over 500 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of Methamphetamine

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit, which is incorporated by reference.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Phillip L. Miller, TFO
Complainant's signature

Phillip Miller, TFO
Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 01/25/2021

City and state: Columbus, Ohio

Chelsey M. Vascara
Judge's signature

Chelsey M. Vascara, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title



AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Phillip L. Miller, (hereafter referred to as affiant) being duly sworn depose and state:

INTRODUCTION

1. I am a Police Officer and Detective with the Columbus Division of Police, assigned full-time as a Task Force Officer (TFO) with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Columbus District Office. As such, I am an “investigative or law enforcement officer” of the United States within the meaning of Title 18 U.S.C. § 2510(7), that is, an officer of the United States empowered by law to conduct criminal investigations and make arrests for offenses enumerated in Title 18 U.S.C. § 2516. Your affiant has been employed by the Columbus Division of Police as a “Law Enforcement Officer,” as defined in the Ohio Revised Code Section 2901.01, since July, 2002. Your affiant is empowered to investigate, to make arrests with or without warrants and to execute search warrants under the authority of Title 21 U.S.C. § 878 and the Ohio Revised Code.

Prior to being assigned to the DEA Task Force, your affiant was assigned to the Columbus Division of Police, Patrol Unit from July 2003 to October 2018 then to the Detective Bureau between October 2018 and January 2019.

- (a) I graduated from the Columbus Division of Police Academy located in Columbus, Ohio in January 2003. I received approximately 6 months of specialized police training including but not limited to: search and seizure, investigative techniques, testifying in court, evidence collection, interview and interrogation, and controlled substance identification.**
- (b) During the course of my law enforcement career, I have had experience in debriefing defendants and interviewing participating witnesses, cooperating individuals and other persons who have personal knowledge and experience regarding narcotics related investigations.**
- (c) As a DEA TFO and police officer, I have participated in the execution of search warrants at the residences and businesses of narcotics traffickers, safe houses, crack houses, and have participated in numerous arrests for drug related offenses. I have drafted numerous search warrants.**
- (d) As a DEA TFO, I have participated in investigations targeting individuals and organizations trafficking heroin, cocaine, cocaine base (“crack”), marijuana, methamphetamine and other controlled substances as defined in 21 U.S.C. § 801.**

- (e) Since becoming a Task Force Officer with the DEA, I have completed the following training; Task Force Officer School (September 2019) and the Ohio State Highway Patrol Interdiction class (October 2019).

The information set forth in this affidavit comes from your affiant's personal involvement in this investigation, as well as information provided to your affiant by other law enforcement officers. This affidavit is intended to show only that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested criminal complaint and does not set forth all of my knowledge about this investigation.

PROBABLE CAUSE

1. Since November 2019, DEA Columbus has been investigating the drug trafficking activities of Ryan MOORE. MOORE has been identified as a large-scale distributor of methamphetamine and fentanyl in the Columbus, Ohio area. Your affiant, or other investigators assigned to this case, have interviewed four confidential sources (CSs) regarding MOORE. The CSs' information has been corroborated by your affiant, or other investigators assigned to this case. This corroboration was achieved through a combination of physical surveillance, various arrests, search warrants, administrative subpoenas and various other sources.

2. In March 2020 and April 2020 investigators conducted a federal search warrant and a consent search at 63 and 63 ½ East Dodridge Street, Columbus, Ohio 43202. The searches resulted in the seizure of approximately 2436 gross grams of suspected methamphetamine, 6 empty pound to kilogram size wrappers with suspected methamphetamine on them, approximately 736 gross grams of suspected cocaine, 1 empty kilogram wrapper with suspected cocaine on it, approximately 372 gross grams of suspected crack cocaine approximately. 1206 gross grams of suspected fentanyl, approximately 37 gross grams of suspected heroin and 7 firearms. Also present in the residence were vacuum sealers, vacuum seal bags, scales and multiple glass pipes with suspected methamphetamine residue on them.

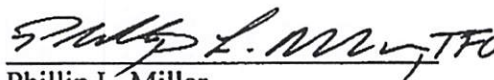
3. Following the searches of 63 and 63 ½ East Dodridge Street investigators obtained multiple CSs who stated the following about MOORE:

4. The CSs stated that MOORE was a large-scale methamphetamine. One of the CSs stated that he/she had sold MOORE methamphetamine on multiple occasions totaling well over 15,000 grams of methamphetamine. Another one of the CSs stated that he/she had also sold MOORE methamphetamine on multiple occasions. Two of the CSs stated they had purchased methamphetamine from MOORE on multiple occasions.

5. Your affiant further analyzed some of the CSs phones and found multiple conversations that confirmed the above mentioned sales and purchases of narcotics by the CSs to MOORE and MOORE to the CSs.

6. Your affiant believes MOORE has been receiving and distributing large amounts of narcotics in Columbus, Ohio and surrounding areas.

7. Based upon my training, experience and my review of the evidence gathered by agents and other investigators assigned to this investigation, there is probable cause to believe Ryan MOORE and others have violated 21 U.S.C 846, conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute over 500 grams of methamphetamine. This affidavit is in support of a request for the issuance of a Federal complaint and arrest warrant for Ryan MOORE.



Phillip L. Miller
Task Force Officer
Drug Enforcement Administration

Subscribed and sworn before me this 25th day of January, 2021.



Honorable Chelsey M. Vascara
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of Ohio